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SUBJECT: PRODEMCA CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ATTACKED
- BY GON NEWS AGENCY.

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1. PRO-GON DAILY EL NUEVO DIARIO (END) HAS JOINED THE OTHER GON - CONTROLLED MEDIA (REFTEL) IN CONDEMNING THE PARTICIPATION OF NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION FIGURES IN A CONFERENCE IN THE US ORGANIZED BY PRODEMCA. END'S MAY 23 FRONT PAGE STORY, BASED ON A NICARAGUAN NEWS AGENCY (ANN) REPORT DATED WASHINGTON, FOCUSED ON THE DINNER COMMENTS OF VIOLETA CHAMORRO AND JAIME CHAMORRO, BOTH OF LA PRENSA. THE FSLN'S BARRICADA ALSO CARRIED THE ANN DISPATCH MAY 23.

2. END CLAIMED THAT THE CHAMORROS "TRIED TO JUSTIFY IN WASHINGTON THE 100 MILLION DOLLARS REQUESTED BY THE
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REAGAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CONTRAS DURING A DINNER SPONSORED BY THE CIA".

ACCORDING TO ANN, THE DINNER WAS PART OF A PLAN BY THE CIA AND ITS AFFILIATE, PRODEMCA, TO INFLUENCE UNDECIDED CONGRESSMEN TO VOTE FOR THE FUNDING. END ALLEGED THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS USED PRODEMCA AS A MEANS TO CHANNEL FUNDS TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OPPOSED TO THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT.

3. ANN REPORTED THAT MRS. CHAMORRO TOLD THOSE PRESENT THAT HER NEWSPAPER "FINDS ITSELF NOW IN THE WORSE SITUATION EVER, AFTER FIGHTING FOR 60 YEARS AGAINST

Dictators". "WE ARE FIGHTING TO FREE OURSELVES FROM A REGIONAL Dictatorship of Cubans and Soviets", said Mrs. Chamorro. Jaime Chamorro reportedly added that the dailies Barricada and El Nuevo Diario are "official organs of the Sandinista front" and are the only ones "with the economic freedom to function". He said that his newspaper had received all types of threats and that his house had been stoned and painted by "turbas".

4. Ann identified Gen. Paul Gorman, Robert Leiken, Wayne Smith and Jorge Solorzano as some of the "participants" at the dinner.

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